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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6642**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SOLICITATION OF CLIENTS, PATIENTS
OR CUSTOMERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes of
4 this section:

5 (1) "Provider" means an attorney, a health care professional, as
6 defined in section 19a-12a of the general statutes, a person who owns
7 or operates a business or entity that provides legal or health care
8 services, a person who, by such person's representations, creates a
9 reasonable belief that such person or such person's practice, business
10 or entity can provide legal or health care services or a person
11 employed by or acting on behalf of any of such persons;

12 (2) "Public media" means telephone directories, professional
13 directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio, television,

14 billboards and mailed or electronically transmitted written
15 communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific
16 prospective client, patient or customer; and

17 (3) "Runner" means an individual who, for a pecuniary benefit,
18 procures or attempts to procure a client, patient or customer at the
19 direction of, request of or in cooperation with a provider whose
20 purpose is to seek to obtain benefits under an insurance contract or
21 assert a claim against an insured or an insurance company for
22 providing services to the client, patient or customer, or to obtain
23 benefits under or assert a claim against a state or federal health care
24 benefits program or prescription drug assistance program, except that
25 "runner" does not include (A) an individual who procures or attempts
26 to procure a client, patient or customer for a provider through public
27 media, (B) an individual who refers a prospective client, patient or
28 customer to a provider as otherwise authorized by law, (C) an
29 individual who facilitates, presents or speaks at a meeting, program or
30 seminar that is open to the public and at which information about a
31 provider's services are discussed, or (D) an individual who is a bona
32 fide employee of a provider who responds to an inquiry or request for
33 information initiated by a prospective client, patient or customer.

34 (b) An individual who knowingly acts as a runner or uses, solicits,
35 directs, hires or employs another individual to act as a runner shall be
36 fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than
37 one year, or both.

38 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to
39 the referral of individuals between attorneys, between health care
40 professionals or between attorneys and health care professionals.

41 (d) The provisions of this section shall be in addition to, and shall
42 not be construed to limit or restrict, the provisions of sections 51-86, 51-
43 87 and 51-87a of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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